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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS - COMMAND AND CONTROL  
APPENDIX.

1. DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, THE GREEK DELEGATION  
REQUESTED A REVISION IN PREVIOUSLY AGREED PARAGRAPH 1,  
ARTICLE IX OF THE COMMAND AND CONTROL APPENDIX TO AUTHORIZE  
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THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTALLATION

COMMANDER AT ANY SITE WHERE US MATERIEL WAS BEING CLEARED THRU CUSTOMS. THE US SIDE PROMISED TO CONSIDER PROMPTLY THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT PARAGRAPH:

"SUCH EQUIPMENT, MATERIEL AND ARMS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS CONTROL PROCEDURES BY APPROPRIATE GREEK CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GREEK NATIONAL LAWS, THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, AND THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND ITS RELEVANT APPENDICES."

2. DCM STEARNS SHOULD INFORM CALOGERAS IN ADVANCE OF TUESDAY THAT WE ACCEPT LANGUAGE IN THAT PART OF THE SENTENCE

WHICH REFERS TO THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER. HOWEVER, TO CORRECT A DISCREPANCY NOTED DURING REVIEW PROCESS IN WASHINGTON, WE WISH TO FURTHER MODIFY THE SENTENCE TO CLARIFY THE POINT THAT CUSTOMS PROCEDURES APPLY TO IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, AND NOT TO TRANSIT CARGO. IN PRESENTING THIS MODIFICATION, STEARNS SHOULD REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MANIFESTS TO THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER.

3. THE LAST SENTENCE WOULD THEN READ:

"EQUIPMENT, MATERIEL AND ARMS AND AMMUNITION IMPORTED INTO OR EXPORTED FROM GREECE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS CONTROL PROCEDURES BY APPROPRIATE GREEK CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GREEK NATIONAL LAWS, THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, AND THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND ITS RELEVANT APPENDICES."

4. FYI: MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY WHICH INCLUDES IMMUNITY FROM INSPECTION FROM FOREIGN AUTHORITIES. APPLICATION OF FORMULATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE WOULD REQUIRE THE US EITHER TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT OR OFF-LOAD TRANSIT CARGO FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE CANNOT AGREE TO CUSTOMS OR OTHER INSPECTION OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT BY

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FOREIGN AUTHORITIES;OFF-LOADING FOR INSPECTION IS SIMPLY TOO COSTLY AND WOULD GREATLY IMPAIR MAC OPERATIONS. END FYI.

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